



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1872

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times"

Ex-Senator Allen, of Ohio, a veteran statesman, and life-long Democrat, has lately been interviewed by a reporter of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and in response, Mr. A. thus expresses himself:

"I am certainly in favor of the nomination of Horace Greeley by the Democratic Convention. From the beginning of the movement I considered Greeley, of all the candidates named, the one around whom the masses of the Democratic party could most easily rally, and they would, with rare exceptions, rally around him and elect him, if the leaders pursued the part of wisdom by avoiding a nomination at Baltimore. I know Greeley personally, and know him to be a man of kindly disposition, humane nature, and filled with popular sympathies. He is, perhaps, the only Republican in the United States who has a deep and abiding sympathy with the great mass of the people."

The Charlottesville Intelligencer says:—"Col. Thos. J. Randolph, the grandson of Thomas Jefferson, was on the court-green at our last court day, and although eighty years of age, looks as well and as hale as a man of sixty, and walks as erect as an Indian; he mingled with the sovereigns very freely as has been his wont for nearly sixty years past. He heartily approves the nominations made at the Cincinnati Convention, and said no National Democratic Convention should be held, but if held, no candidates in opposition to Greeley and Brown ought to be put in nomination by such convention. Shelton F. Locke, for years the spokesman and leader of the Democracy of Albemarle, twice elected to Congress and once Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, is also for Greeley."

One evil effect of the two "term" principle, is that the incumbent of the Presidential office, if nominated for re-election, is very apt to turn the efforts of the administration in a great degree, to secure the success of the nomination. The evil is not peculiar to Gen. Grant at all—but is so from the nature of the case—unless the incumbent be a man of the highest order of public virtue.

Very well-executed imitations of the new fifty-cent fractional currency have made their appearance at the Treasury Department in considerable numbers, coming chiefly from New York city. The spurious note is about one-twelfth of an inch longer than the genuine, but in general appearance strongly resembles it.

It is reported that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, at its meeting yesterday, agreed to report a resolution calling for an investigation of the premature publication of the British Treaty correspondence. But, what's the use? Nothing ever comes of these inquiries. No body is ever "punished" for contempt.

We learn from one of the New York papers that Mr. Greeley is receiving many invitations to speak in various parts of the country. In a paragraph in the Tribune the ad interim editor informs us that "Mr. Greeley accepts no invitations to speak on political questions while a candidate."

The friends of Gen. Grant profess to be quite sure that he will receive nearly the entire colored vote, and not at all to fear that Mr. Greeley will hurt him in that respect. On the other hand Mr. Greeley's friends say that he (Greeley) will get a large colored vote.

Among prominent democrats who are now quoted in the newspapers as warmly in favor of the nomination of Greeley and Brown are Gen. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, Gen. Richard Taylor, of Louisiana, and Duncan Kenner, of Louisiana.

There is a bill now pending in the House of Representatives to reenact the Ku-Klux Law, which will shortly come before the House to be discussed on its merits. The majority think they are, and possibly may be strong enough to pass it.

Mr. Cowardin, of the Richmond Dispatch, has written a congratulatory letter to Mr. Greeley, upon the nomination of the latter as a candidate for President. Both these gentlemen are nearly of the same age, and both are veteran editors of newspapers.

Mr. Duke of Virginia, has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill providing for the abatement or repayment of taxes on manufactured tobacco, in bond, destroyed by casualty, since the 1st of January 1868.

The Southern Claims Commission devoted their whole session, yesterday, to three cases arising in Loudoun county, Va., in which the aggregate amount claimed footed up about \$40,000.

A new "ring" is noticed in Washington, denominated the "building ring"—organized for engineering bills through Congress—for new postoffices, custom houses, &c., in different sections of the country.

It will be seen that refreshing rains this week are reported in Lynchburg, Norfolk, Fredericksburg, and "parts adjacent." We hope they may speedily extend all over the country.

Miss Jane Stuart, daughter of Gilbert Stuart, the eminent portrait painter, is said to inherit her father's genius, and copies his paintings with remarkable fidelity.

The House of Representatives, it will be seen, proposes that Congress shall adjourn on the 3d of June.

Mrs. Grant's Tuesday afternoon receptions, in Washington, have been discontinued.

## VIRGINIA NEWS

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has received for record an act of incorporation of the "Petersburg Agricultural Association," formed for the purpose of improving farming operations and stock-raising in South-side Virginia, and bringing immigrants into the State. Capital stock, not less than \$5,000, or more than \$500,000, divided in shares of \$1 each, for annual membership, and \$10 and \$20 for life membership.

There has been an informal meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, held in Charlottesville. The Board was still in session on Friday last, and we are not able to say what important matters were before the body. The grading on the lower end is being pushed rapidly forward, but when work will be begun elsewhere has not been made known.

The Conservative Convention, in Richmond, has nominated the following ticket for municipal officers for that city: For Mayor, A. M. Kelley; Commonwealth's Attorney, Geo. D. Wise; City Sergeant, P. T. Moore; Auditor, J. P. Royter; Commissioner of Revenue, R. B. Munford; Collector, J. F. R. Gault; Sheriff, John W. Wright; High Constable, A. B. Duesberry.

Lexington is now in a similar condition to that of Harrisonburg—the judge having refused to grant licenses to saloon-keepers to sell liquors. He refused to license any houses except regular hotels, and therefore the National Hotel bar-room is the only one now in operation.

A letter from Wytheville in the Lynchburg News says: The fires in the woods are still raging with unabated fury, and all hope has been despaired of of subduing the fiery element, unless a merciful providence sends rain to extinguish the burning element.

The Fredericksburg Herald of yesterday says: "The rain commenced at an early hour after midnight, and continued to fall in copious showers until after daylight this morning."

The steam Saw Mill of Capt. Ellis, in Stafford county, was destroyed by fire on Monday night last. The boiler and engine are reported as uninjured.

Accounts from the Valley counties are unfavorable to the growing crops of corn and wheat. The drought is excessive.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday the House bill granting a site for a depot in Washington to the B. & P. Railroad was passed. A number of bills were passed, among which the only one of importance was that providing for the sale of public lands containing coal.

In the House of Representatives the Tariff bill was amended to exempt from the payment of duties, books, maps and charts imported for the use of educational institutions or literary, philosophical and religious institutions. Mr. Butler attempted to introduce a resolution for a recess of Congress from the 3d of June to the last Wednesday in November, stating that his motive was to extend until then the power of the President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus. The House refused to consider the resolution, and in place of it, adopted one that Congress shall adjourn sine die on Monday, June 3d.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT is reported from Chattanooga. An utter stranger called on a respectable farmer last week and asked him if his house had not been robbed during the war. The farmer replied that it had. "I," said the stranger, "was one of a marauding party that did it. I took a little silver locket." "That locket," said the farmer, bursting into tears, "had been worn by my dear, dead child." "Here it is," replied the stranger, visibly affected: "I am rich; let me make restitution; here are \$20 for your little son." He gave the farmer a fifty-dollar bill and received thirty dollars in change. He then wrung the farmer's hands warmly and left. The farmer has since dried his tears, and loaded his shot gun. The fifty-dollar bill was bad.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Early in the night of Tuesday, the cooper shop of Daniel Turner, on the Blue Ridge, not far from the Swift Shoal Mill, was fired and burned to the ground. The fire communicated with the dry leaves in the woods around, and for two or three days a considerable conflagration was the consequence. The fire extended as far as the turnpike over Ashby's Gap, before it was extinguished, doing a large amount of damage to fencing, timber, and rails cut for sale. It is thought that the cooper shop was fired by an incendiary.—Clarke County Courier.

AQUA CREEK.—The ancient glory of this place has departed. Aqua Creek ceases to be a passenger depot henceforth. Its one solitary house will now be more desolate than ever. A freight train will only console it. During the war hundreds of thousands of Federal soldiers landed there and went thence inland. Many of those that survived departed from the same landing. A splendid wharf has been erected at Quantico for the accommodation of both freight and passengers.—Fred. Herald.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FESTIVAL FOR WASHINGTON LODGE.—It has occurred to me that some special comment is necessary to elicit that contributing interest which is essential at this juncture to insure the success of the Strawberry Festival, commencing Tuesday evening at Sarepta Hall, for the benefit of "Washington Lodge" A. F. & A. M. The ancient origin and honorable history of this Lodge are too well known to require comment.

The nature of their financial difficulties in the erection of their new hall are also known and appreciated.

The improvement they propose to make is the ornate part of the new market house. It runs 60 feet on Cameron street, midway between Royal and Fairfax. This building, when completed, will be the most imposing, artistic and altogether elegant Masonic structure in the State.

I propose therefore to furnish a few reasons to our ladies why this appeal should meet their countenance and support, and this communication is addressed to them especially, because they always represent the active, working charity of every community.

First, The Washington Lodge exchequer has been exhausted by charities.

Secondly, It is the first and only appeal ever made by this Lodge for outside aid, in its history from 1786 to this time.

Thirdly, The object is a public benefit as the building will be a public ornament.

With generous support the affair will be made a success, and the workers feel assured alike of support and success and that their effort will be properly appreciated by the FRATERNITY.

The Cincinnati Enquirer having attributed to General W. S. Hancock expressions disrespectful to the President, the former prints a card denying having done any such thing.

The disturbed condition of Spain is increased by the movements of leading Republicans in that country, who want to get rid both of Don Carlos and Amadeus.

The Baptist Convention at Raleigh is attended by a large number of delegates, some of them the ablest ministers attached to that denomination.

LADIES' PARIS TIES—the latest—at WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

## RADICAL CONVENTION.

Noise and Confusion—Fight—Noise and Confusion—Threats of Violence—More Noise and Confusion—Nominations and Noise and Confusion—Rich Proceedings.

In consequence of a misunderstanding among the delegates as to the place of meeting of the Radical Nominating Convention, last night, and, indeed, as there had been no particular understanding about the time or place, a portion met at the Court House, while the rest assembled at the Colored Odd Fellows' Hall, on South Columbus street, and those who met at the latter place being somewhat in the majority, sent a deputation to the Court House, to invite those there waiting to come down and join them.

The invitation having been accepted, the "high contracting parties" met at the Odd Fellows' Hall, where, at eight and a half o'clock—one hour and a half behind time, Geo. L. Seaton was called to the chair and T. B. Pinn chosen secretary.

A committee on credentials, composed of one from each ward, was appointed as follows:—E. H. Delahay, from the 1st Ward; Larkin Lightfoot, 2d; A. B. Crupper, 3d; and J. A. Seaton, from the 4th.

The committee reported the following delegates entitled to seats, viz: 1st Ward—E. H. Delahay, T. L. Tansel, Geo. L. Seaton, I. C. O'Neal, J. C. Tansel, and J. W. Payne. 2d Ward—John Birrell, Geo. Hobday, Thos. Carroll, Henry Lewis, J. T. Ford, and Larkin Lightfoot. 3d Ward—R. Thompson, A. B. Crupper, John Johns, G. A. Lumpkins, T. J. Edelin, W. L. Penn, J. T. Brown, and I. Fisher. 4th Ward—R. W. P. Garnett, W. H. Davis, W. Claggett, C. Seales, R. Gaines, and J. A. Seaton.

Objection being made to the report of the committee, in consequence of the number of delegates allowed the Second Ward, a scene of confusion ensued.

R. W. P. Garnett attempted to speak, but was seized by the coat-tail and held in his seat. Miller, colored, said that the ward had no right to six delegates.

Tensel accused the committee of a failure to perform its duty.

J. A. Seaton urged harmony, and wanted the Convention to imitate the proceedings of the Conservative Convention, and get through its business in twenty minutes.

Seaton's appeal for harmony had no effect; Garnett was on the floor in a minute, but was summarily squelched by those around him.

Birrell got the floor and stood while the "wild rounds" of confusion rolled "hill top high" around his "placed head." After standing for some minutes, came in hand, and with unruffled brow, but disdain flashing from his irate eyes, he finally obtained a hearing, and was proceeding to argue that his ward was entitled to six delegates, when the uproar broke out afresh, headed by Garnett, who would arise only to be as quickly set down by those in the rear, who seemed to have no regard for his own tail.

Rudolph Thompson and T. B. Pinn had an explanatory colloquy, which was doubtless very satisfactory to themselves, but was not appreciated by the other delegates, who paid but little attention.

Birrell yelled out that his ward had five hundred voters at the last election, and this time would have one hundred more.

This was the signal for a general uprising of the delegates, and the ears of the President were violently assailed with all kinds of calls, in the midst of which Brown was recognized, and moved that the Second Ward be entitled to four delegates—received with a perfect storm of confusion, during which a motion was made by somebody to receive and adopt the report of the committee on credentials, but whether the President did not hear, or could not hear, or did not want to hear, or was unable to hear, it so happened that the question was never taken, but Brown's motion was put, and declared carried, though why it should have been so decided, no one could tell, as the confusion was so great that neither presiding officer or delegates knew exactly what was going on—but it was decidedly better that a decision should have been made.

The roll of the delegates was now called, and all responded save two or three, whose places were quickly supplied by the alternates, who were on hand eager to join in the fray. A motion to declare the temporary officers of the Convention permanent was carried. The following resolution, offered by Brown, was adopted: Whereas, the Republican party of Alexandria is without a City Executive Committee to conduct the centralized business of the same; be it

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two from each Ward, and one from the city at large to be chairman thereof, be appointed by this Convention for said purpose, and continue in power until the next Convention, preceding the next municipal election, and until their successors are appointed and have accepted the same.

Nominations for city officers being in order, Wm. Claggett moved to declare Wm. N. Berkley the nominee of the Convention for Mayor—ruled out of order by the chair.

Wm. N. Berkley, I. C. O'Neal, and S. Heffebower were then placed in nomination, the name of the latter being received with marks of disapprobation.

A motion to take a vote by ayes and nays was carried.

E. Delahay said that Mr. O'Neal had retired with W. P. Graves put in his place.

The vote was then taken and resulted: Berkley 21, O'Neal 4, Heffebower 1; whereupon Berkley's nomination was declared unanimous, one or two outsiders only voting in the negative.

Nominations for Sergeant being next in order, S. Heffebower and I. C. O'Neal were named.

Mr. Heffebower declined at once.

John Seaton rose and said that he did not want to be cried down, and would put in nomination Capt. J. M. Stuart.

Miller said if the Convention pursued the right course it would nominate Stuart.

Birrell immediately flared up. His Republican blood ebullied at the idea. Capt. Stuart had never placed a colored man on a jury—no never!—(Cries of "that's so.") "If," said the irate speaker, "we are to be beat, let's be beat outright." (Cries of go it Birrell.)

John Seaton spoke of Captain Stuart as a man of large heart. He had been told to trust no white man in the State of Virginia, but the next one who told him so he would thrash. A true Virginian was the noblest work of God, and the next man that told him not to trust them he would "hurl in his face a bunch of bones"—alluding to his fist, which he shook furiously in the presence of the nomination of vention. He warmly urged the nomination of Capt. Stuart. The speech was received with great applause, but immediately everybody was again on his feet under the appalling cry, "Blanche a little under the appalling cry."

A new light in the person of one Gaines, colored, showed forth, and demanded to know what had converted his friend Seaton, who, but a few nights since, had advocated an entirely different course.

A pugacious and loquacious colored individual objected to Stuart on account of his Conservatism. He was hooted at but persisted in his harangue, apparently to the disgust of all.

A motion to make nominations without debate created great discord, everybody anxious to be heard and nobody willing to listen, but the motion was tabled and the noise and confusion proceeded.

J. A. Seaton moved that the nominations be closed.

I. Fisher was opposed to endorsing a Conservative nomination.

Birrell, contrary to implied and expressed

wishes, would rise, and would move, notwithstanding his previous remarks, "made before," that this Convention deem it inexpedient to make a nomination for City Sergeant.

J. A. Seaton stood up, and he stood high, and was in the act of further advocating the cause of Capt. Stuart, when he was interrupted by a fight between Davis and another colored man, at, or near his feet; then there was a rush, a mighty rush, as the rushing of waters, and then a subsiding, and the fight was over, but "no one hurt."

Hobday quoted two lines of a hymn, commencing, "Amazing grace," and said if Stuart was elected, "amazing grace" would be found in him—at which a friend of Capt. Jim's winked.

A colored member essayed to reply to Hobday, but was met with a "slight sprinkle" of epithets and cries of "get out," under which he temporarily subsided, but as soon as order was partially restored, vented his spleen by giving expression to the "oft quoted" and euphonious adage of "you can't expect no more from a hog than a grunt," and having thus relieved himself, sunk.

Seaton was of opinion that it would have been well for the obdurate member who had just expressed himself, if he had been "under ground," whereupon there arose cries of "kill him!"

The previous question being demanded on the endorsement of Stuart's nomination, the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote resulted, after a time—several members explaining their vote—in the endorsement—ayes 14, noes 11, and Stuart was decided the choice of the Convention; and now, said several, "the Devil's to play," and the greatest uproar arose, motions upon motions pouring in, and the biggest sort of a hubbub existing.

A motion to reconsider the action just had prevailed.

Motions to lay on the table, &c., were then made and more noise and confusion. Claggett taking the cue, moved that it is inexpedient to nominate a City Sergeant.

Seaton moved to amend by inserting Commissioner of Revenue—great confusion—whereupon, Seaton withdrew his amendment, and Claggett calling for the ayes and nays on his motion, it was adopted, and so Birrell, though cried down at first, had the satisfaction of seeing his plan carried out at last.

J. H. Ramey and Col. C. E. Stuart were put in nomination for Commonwealth's Attorney.

Birrell said that he had seen Col. Stuart, and he would not serve. He (the Col.) could make more money getting scraps out of scraps than getting them in.

Seaton was opposed to Ramey, who was like Wat Penn's tobacco, good of its kind but of a d—d kind. Ramey was of no account to the Republican party either in ability or anything else, and was the small end of nothing whittled down to a point. The speaker urged the nomination of Wm. Kilgour.

Birrell spoke in favor of Ramey, who, he said, had shouldered his musket and fought during the war—a voice—so has many a traitor like you. Birrell said he would vote for Ramey from the bottom of his heart. (A voice—you ain't got no heart.)

A colored member was in favor of hanging Ramey—several—and thought Birrell ought to shut his mouth and keep it shut.

Geo. C. Seaton, by permission, stated that Ramey had assisted him as clerk of the Court.

Amidst much noise Claggett withdrew his motion to declare Ramey the choice of the Convention.

Seaton moved to adjourn but the confusion was so great that the motion was not put.

The vote being taken and Ramey and Stuart being in nomination, resulted as follows:—Ramey 19, Stuart 3, Kilgour 1. So Ramey was declared the nominee.

Seaton said he would vote for Kilgour before he would for Ramey.

O. C. Whittlesey and J. W. Campbell being placed in nomination for Commissioner of Revenue, the vote was taken as well as it could be, with the noise and confusion going on, and Whittlesey declared the choice of the Convention, the vote being Whittlesey 21, Campbell 1.

Motions to adjourn were made, but the Chair said that he had to announce the Executive Committee, under the resolution adopted in the early part of the evening, which he proceeded to do as best he could, amid the wildest confusion, as follows:

At large—Lewis McKenzie, Chairman. 1st Ward, I. C. O'Neal and Edward Evans; 2d Ward, Larkin Lightfoot, and M. B. Harlow; 3d Ward, T. J. Brown and G. A. Lumpkins; 4th Ward, J. A. Seaton and O. C. Whittlesey.

An attempt to take up a collection, had the desired effect, and acted like the reading of the riot act, for all present, at about twelve o'clock, quickly dispersed.

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